

Page 16, please amend the equation at line 10 as follows:

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$$L_{\beta}(dB) = \begin{cases} Pn & dPs < 0 \\ Pn - dP & dPs > 0 \text{ and } Pn - dPs > 0 \\ 0 & Pn - dPs < 0 \end{cases} \dots (7)$$

Page 16, paragraph at lines 11 to 20, please amend as follows:

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The correction gain calculation unit 6 calculates the noise amplitude spectrum correction gain  $\alpha [f]$  and the noise removal spectrum correction gain  $\beta [f]$ , on the basis of the input amplitude spectrum  $S [f]$ , noise amplitude spectrum  $N [f]$ , noise amplitude spectrum correction gain limiting value  $L_{\alpha}$ , and the noise removal spectrum correction gain limiting value  $L_{\beta}$ . Using  $\alpha [f]$ , the noise amplitude spectrum  $N [f]$  can be corrected for each frequency component. And using the noise removal spectrum correction gain  $\beta [f]$ , the after-mentioned first noise removal spectrum  $S_s [t]$  is corrected for each frequency component.

Page 18, paragraph at lines 2 to 9, please amend as follows:

The value of the phone reception weighting value  $W_{\alpha} [f]$  is predetermined according to its parameter, frequency  $f$ . And the value of  $W_{\alpha} [f]$  decreases as the frequency increases. As a result of this weighting, the value of  $\alpha [f]$  decreases in the high frequency region. Consequently an excessive suppression in the high frequency region can be avoided so that a generation of a strange sound in the frequency region can be avoided. Fig. 11 shows a profile of the  $W_{\alpha} [f]$ .

Page 18, paragraph beginning at line 18, to page 19, line 6, please amend as follows:

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According to equation (10), when the value  $snr_{sp} [f]$  increases, namely when the SNR increases, the value of  $gain_{\beta}$  increases, therefore, the noise removal spectrum correction gain